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CZECHOSLOVAK SCRAP DRIVE FOR CEMENTED CARBIDE
AND INDUSTRIAL DIAMOND WASTE

Comment: The following article is a condensation of a decree appearing in the Official Gazette of Czechoslovakia. This decree is the result of the first effort to legislate a concentrated scrap collection drive for scarce raw materials. In the past, there have been many scrap drives (see OO-A-237944), mostly sporadic, but none backed on actual legislation.

The Czechoslovak Ministry of Light Industry, in conjunction with the Ministry of Metallurgy and the Ore Mines and Heavy Machine Building, has passed a decree whereby the collection of cemented carbide and industrial diamond waste becomes obligatory. For the purpose of the decree, cemented carbide waste is defined as all waste from cemented carbide articles as well as carbon steel tips of discarded and unusable cutting tools. Industrial diamond waste is defined as all waste from industrial diamonds, as well as discarded and unusable diamond-cutting tools.

The Bureau takes it upon itself to ensure that any person under whose jurisdiction such waste is sent to collect it in a safe place. Carbon steel tips of cutting tools and other sintered carbides must be separated from their mountings and stored according to size and type. Diamonds, however, shall be removed only by the Enterprise of the First Five-Year Plan, a National Enterprise, in Sumgair. All worn stored waste must be offered to the Enterprise of the First Five-Year Plan for purchase within 10 days after the first of each month.

The Enterprise of the First Five-Year Plan is required, in turn, to purchase all waste offered within one month of the date of the offer at the latest. In the case of cemented carbides offered for purchase, the Enterprise of the First Five-Year Plan may delay purchasing such waste until there is available an accumulation of at least one half a kilogram.

The decree became effective on 1 December 1952

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